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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Filed:	Filed Herewith	Docket:	450.189US3
Title:	MUTATABLY TRANSPARENT DISPLAYS (Continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/209,017, filed December 10, 1998)		

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Before taking up the above-identified continuation application for examination, please amend it as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, between lines 3 and 4, please add the following new paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/209,017, filed December 10, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/002,986, filed January 5, 1998 (U.S. Patent No. 5,933,141).--

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel existing claims 2-24 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

Claims 2-24 have been canceled without prejudice. Claim 1 is now pending in the application. The Applicant respectfully requests that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 - EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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The applicant will soon file a second preliminary amendment with new claims. If the Examiner begins the examination without receiving the new claims, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the below signed attorney to receive a copy of the new claims.

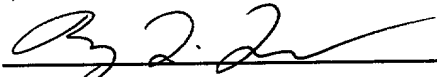
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